

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3309  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
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AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OREP, (BIDEN, JOSEPH), CZ  
SUBJECT: CODEL BIDEN

REFS: A) STATE 181713 B) PRAGUE 2118 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CODEL VISIT. CZECH-SPEAKING POLITICAL OFFICER JOHN EVANS APPOINTED CONTROL OFFICER.
2. ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SIGNAL CONFIRMED AT PRAGUE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL NIGHTS OF AUGUST 15 THROUGH AUGUST 18.
3. RECOGNIZING THAT PURPOSES OF CODEL BIDEN AND HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VISIT ARE DIFFERENT BUT RELATED IN THEIR COMMON REFERENCE TO CSCE BASKET THREE, EMBASSY NOTES THAT SOME OF SAME PROBLEMS MENTIONED REF B COULD AFFECT CODEL BIDEN PLANS. IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS ARE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY TO DISCUSS TOPICS LISTED REF A, PARTICULARLY ANYTHING TO DO WITH SOVIET FORCES, IN ANY MEANINGFUL WAY. WE EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT EMBASSY

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WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH POST PERSONNEL AND A GENERALLY PRODUCTIVE VISIT DESPITE DIFFICULTIES IN ARRANGING CONTACTS WITH CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS.

4. CHARGE MENTIONED SENATOR BIDEN'S PLANS TO VISIT PRAGUE DURING TALK WITH MFA SIXTH DEPARTMENT ACTING

DIRECTOR NOVOTNY ON AUGUST 3. NOVOTNY APPEARED READY TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE CONTACTS FOR THE SENATOR WITH MFA AND OTHER OFFICIALS. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAS RECEIVED "NO INFORMATION WHATEVER" FROM CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY WASHINGTON RE EITHER CODEL BIDEN OR THE PLANNED VISIT HERE OF HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE NEED TO KNOW NLT COB AUG. 8 WHETHER CODEL HAS OBTAINED CZECHOSLOVAK VISAS AND WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO VISIT PRAGUE, IN ORDER TO AVOID PAYING CANCELLATION CHARGES AT HOTEL.  
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